

*REMARKS/ARGUMENTS*

In response to the Office Action mailed June 4, 2009, Applicant proposes to amend his application and requests reconsideration in view of the proposed Amendment and following remarks. It is proposed, in this Amendment, to newly cancel claims 7, 22, 23, 25 and 27-29, leaving claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 24, and 26 pending upon entry of this Amendment.

The Examiner made a drawing objection, asserting that the drawings did not support certain language in claim 10. That language is eliminated from the claim, overcoming the drawing objection without the submission of a replacement drawing sheet. That rejection should now be withdrawn.

Claim 7 was stated to be allowable and claim 23 was stated to be allowed. Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form as amended claim 1. That claim duplicates claim 23 so that claim 23 is cancelled. All of the remaining claims, claims 2, 4-6, 8-15, 24, and 26 depend indirectly or directly from amended claim 1, a claim conceded to be allowable. Therefore, those claims should be allowed.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the prior art rejections of the Office Action are moot and do not need additional attention.

Reconsideration and allowance of all remaining claims, namely claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8-15, 24, and 26 are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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